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In my previous submission to NICNAS/OCS I wrote that the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) Report on Gulf War Illness (GWI) and the Health of Gulf War Veterans (November 2008) was relevant and also about how unhelpful research involving self-reported symptoms was. I note that Kimata (2004) has been added to NICNAS's second draft but I would also add Natelson (2004) which is also on page 280 of the RAC report. The research shows that chemically sensitive Gulf War veterans exposed to diesel vapors showed increased autonomic arousal, as indicated by changes in blood pressure and respiratory measures, but not with measurable declines in cognitive performance.

Any discussion of MCS must include reference to Cindy Duehring who died of a chemical exposure in 1999. Cindy was a master at producing research involving physiological symptoms.

As a final point the RAC Report (2008) refers to Hans Selye being thirty years earlier than Theron Randolph in describing MCS.

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